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Persons with Disabilities can opt for postal ballot

Sanjiv Kumar, State Chief Electoral Officer, enjoying a boat ride with his family members at Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary in Srirangapatna this morning. [Pic. by Vinay Karekura]

- State Chief Electoral Officer Sanjiv Kumar on 3-day tour
- Appeals youths above 18 years to enrol names in voter list
- To hold special review meeting with Mysuru DC today

Mysuru, Nov. 27 (SSV&Vinay Karekura)- In what is seen as a big relief, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has decided to extend the postal ballot facility to Persons with Disabilities (PwD) in view of their difficulties in reaching out to polling stations to cast their votes.

Karnataka Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sanjiv Kumar, who is on a 3-day tour of Mysuru and Mandya districts to review progress of special revision of voter's roll, told *SOM* that though special facilities like ramp and wheel chair are arranged at every polling booth for PwD, still many find it difficult to cast vote on the day of polling. In wake of this, the Election Commission (EC) has decided to allow such persons to make use of the postal ballot so that they could exercise their franchise from wherever they are.

He said people with disabilities may go to places where the special voter's list revision was going on now and submit applications to officials concerned to mention as 'PwD' (Divyang) in front of their names in the list for enabling the EC to include their names under the postal ballot beneficiaries.

(See PERSONS on page 7)

Land lease to MRC: PIL filed

- High Court orders petitioner to implead JW Golf Club also
- HC expresses 'shock' that Government allowed sub-letting to JWGC

Mysuru, Nov.27 - The long drawn out saga regarding renewal of Mysore Race Course land took an interesting turn yesterday when Karnataka High Court admitted a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) against the renewal of the lease for another 30 years.

The High Court also ordered notice to the State Government and the Mysore Race Club (MRC) in response to the PIL challenging the extension of lease of 139.39 acres of land at Kurubarahalli in Mysuru till July 31, 2046. The PIL was filed by S. Umapathi, a Bengaluru-based advocate, who has questioned leasing out the said land for just 2 per cent of the Club's gross annual income as lease rent.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice S.Vishwajit Shetty directed the petitioner to also implead Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC) as they too are a beneficiary of the said extension, which was accorded on January 17, 2020.

The Bench also orally observed that, *"Prima facie, it is shocking"* when documents revealed that MRC had sublet a portion of the Club land to JWGC on same terms through a bi-partite agreement and that the Government had allowed this agreement.

Meanwhile, the petitioner claimed that MRC, whose lease had expired on June 30, 2016 itself, was allowed to retain possession of the valuable property belonging to Public Works Department (PWD), which was done without following due process of law.

The petitioner also contended that "Lease was contrary to the provision of the Karnataka Land Revenue rules and resulting in huge loss to the State exchequer. The MRC was using the land illegally between 2016 - 2020 despite expiry of lease period and the Government had not collected rent from it for this period."

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 27th November 2020

Mysuru COVID-19 War Room a model for other Districts: DC

• Case positivity rate which was above 20% in September stands at 2% now

Rohini Sindhuri

Mysuru, Nov. 27- With about 6,000 COVID-19 tests per day, the Mysuru District Administration is in the second place after Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) which is doing highest number of tests per day.

In a press release, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri also disclosed that with case fatality rate and COVID positive rate on the decline, Mysuru District COVID War Room was a model for other districts and that teams from other districts were visiting Mysuru to learn about the same.

Referring to COVID mandatory rules, she said so far 4,208 persons were fined for not wearing face mask and violating social distancing norms, the highest in Karnataka after BBMP.

According to the DC, the case fatality rate of 1.2% in the last two weeks is close to target of 1% and positivity rate (C+ case per 100 tests) stands at 2%. It was above 20% in September.

The authorities concerned are tracing 100% contacts within 36 hours and 12 contacts are traced per patient. Mysuru is performing the best on all parameters of COVID, she said and added that the success is due to systematic approach and untiring efforts of all the officials and staff concerned.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

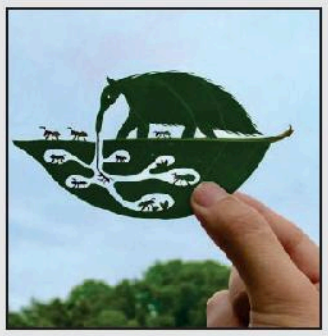
STRAY THOUGHTS: ***Ratan Tata certainly deserves a bow — and a Wow! The philanthropist posted pix of spending Diwali with the local strays cared for by and at the conglomerate's headquarters. Canine you believe it? There's a kennel for them at iconic Bombay House itself. No wonder, animal activists have been wagging their tails in delight. Praising him this Monday, the CEO of Welfare of Stray Dogs, urged even residential complexes to 'follow this lesson in compassion'. That's a St. Bernard-sized ask considering that the pet-ulant policies of several housing societies are the figurative equivalent of 'man bites dog'. It is a ferocious bone of contention between the pooch-lovers and the poop-haters.***

The photograph of a (masked) Chairman Emeritus schmoozing with an (unmuzzled) 'Goa', his 'favourite office companion' on the steps of Bombay House went viral. The 'likes' may not compare with the number of 'oohs' oozing out of the online posts of our PM-ji amidst uncaged parrots and peacocks. But it would be churlish (cur-lish?) to dismiss this as a mere branding exercise. Ads might be Tanishqed, but Ratan needs no polishing. His is no transient puppy love. Last November, Tata 'Grammed' a heartfelt 14th birth anniversary greeting to Tito, his beloved purebred German Shepherd, but he is equally close to those with cocktail lineage. He had added, 'I still come home to two kind souls and meet so many others in and around the office.' Indeed a visitor shocked at a streetie sprawled in the marble lobby was ticked off, 'RNT says they aren't strays, they're pets.'

Joe Biden's 'Major' will be the first rescued dog to reside in the White House. Breaking the long DOTUS tradition, Trump had unleashed only himself. Closer home, any politician refusing to walk to heel becomes a pariah. *— Bachi Karkaria in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Artist carves tree leaves into detailed scenes



Tokyo: Japanese self-taught artist Rito (@lito_leafart) spends hours painstakingly carving tree leaves to create stunningly detailed scenes that capture viewers' imagination.

Rito's leaf cutouts are impressive enough by themselves, but the story of what inspired the artist to take up leaf art in the first place makes them even more so. Apparently, the Japanese artist suffers from ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder), and spending hours focusing on a single artwork was his ways of treating his condition. He has been creating at least one of his leaf cutouts a day, as a form of therapy.

Man attends wedding with six pregnant 'Girlfriends'

Nigeria: Nigerian socialite Mike Eze-Nwalie Nwogu, aka "Pretty Mike", sparked controversy after attending a high-profile wedding accompanied by six heavily pregnant women, all allegedly carrying his babies.

Describing the women as his "six baby mothers to be", Pretty Mike was filmed rubbing and kissing each of their bellies at the wedding of Nigerian actor Williams Uchemba to his girlfriend Brunella Oscar. The socialite, who owns a nightclub in Lagos, wore a pink suit, while his six dates put on matching long silver dresses or two-piece outfits that emphasized their baby bumps.

"No film trick... we are just living our best life," Pretty Mike captioned a photo of him with the six women on Instagram, after being accused of staging the whole thing for clout. The Nigerian playboy has been known to pull off some crazy stunts for attention, like in 2017, when he was arrested for walking around with young women on a leash.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Kalonji or Nigella Sativa, is an interesting spice, full of antioxidants. Antioxidants may protect against several types of chronic conditions, including cancer, diabetes, heart disease and obesity. Add some Kalonji to your diet to fight health issues like bacterial infections, lose weight, lower your cholesterol level.

By Kavya J - Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

COLUMBIA ASIA HOSPITAL - MYSORE

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	101
Total positive cases	:	50,448
Discharges yesterday	:	94
Total discharges	:	48,802
Deaths yesterday	:	1
Total deaths	:	994
Total active cases	:	652

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	24
Total positive cases	:	18,427
Total discharges	:	17,880
Total deaths	:	146
Total active cases	:	401

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	8
Total positive cases	:	6,324
Total discharges	:	6,090
Total deaths	:	116
Total active cases	:	107

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	15
Total positive cases	:	5,257
Total discharges	:	5,120
Total deaths	:	67
Total active cases	:	70

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	51
Total positive cases	:	26,858
Total discharges	:	26,071
Total deaths	:	384
Total active cases	:	403

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boy friend: *Please keep me in your brain, not in your heart.*
Girl friend: *Funny, why not heart?*
Boy friend: *Because your heart is houseful and brain is empty, more empty space means more comfort!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.80
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.66
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.09
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.03

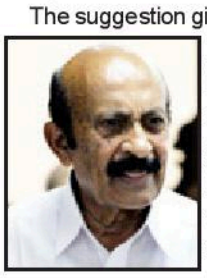
VOICE OF THE READER

Kodava Heritage Centre

Govt. permission needed for M. C. Nanaiah's suggestion

Sir,

The suggestion given by former Minister M.C. Nanaiah that the funds granted by the Government for Kodava Heritage Centre works in Madikeri be given to the Federation of Kodava Samajas in Balugodu, Virajpet taluk and that the works on the Heritage Centre be monitored by Madikeri Kodava Samaja, is most welcome (*SOM* dated Nov. 26).



But it has to be noted here that mere statement on the issue would be of no help and some procedures have to be followed in this regard. Accordingly, the Federation of Kodava Samajas must write to the Government (through the Kodagu DC) seeking transfer of funds to it for executing works. Likewise, the Madikeri Kodava Samaja too should write to the Government (through the DC) stating that it is ready to monitor the works and that the Government should give nod for the same.

It is pertinent to note that several projects in Kodagu are in limbo while some others have become a non-starter for not following Government procedure and lack of foresight.

—Member, Kodava Samaja, Ponnampet

South Kodagu 27.11.2020

Provide Iris Scan facility at Common Service Centres

Sir,

Apropos to the letter in *SOM* dated Nov. 18 by Kamala regarding the difficulty of pensioners in submitting Life Certificate, the authorities concerned are requested to provide Iris (eye) Scan facility along with the Finger Print device as finger prints of some of the pensioners may not tally with the ones available with Aadhaar data base.

In such cases, the pension disbursing banks are directing the pensioners to go to PF Office for eye scan. PF Office being located at far off place in Gayathripuram, it is very inconvenient. Hence, the authorities are requested to provide Iris Scan facility at all the Common Service Centres (CSCs) where the pensioners go to submit Life Certificates.

— M.J. Aslam

Mysuru

24.11.2020

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Sir,

I am aged 76 and getting EPF pension for the past 20 years. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the authorities have made some arrangements to submit the Life Certificate (Digital) which necessitates biometric evidence. Due to age factor, my fingers do not co-operate for taking biometric finger print. Iris Scan is said to be the alternative for this. But the Banks, Post Offices or Common Service Centres are not having the device for Iris Scan and so they are unable to help me and advised me to go to the PF Regional Office.

But when I enquired the Regional Office they told me they are not allowing anybody to submit the Life Certificate at their office. Under these circumstances I simply do not know how to submit the Digital Life Certificate. Will the authorities concerned help persons like me?

— Vanamala Varatharajan

Kuvempunagar

20.11.2020

RTOs launch Air Pollution Control Awareness Week in city

DCP (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda flagging off the awareness vehicle in front of RTO (West) Office as part of the week-long air pollution control awareness programme last evening as Joint Commissioner of Transport (JCT) Dr. C.T. Murthy, Regional Transport Officer (RTO-West) Yomakeshavappa, RTO-East Deepak, Motor Vehicle Inspector G.M. Suresh and others look on.

Mysuru, Nov. 27 (MK&KS) - In a bid to create awareness on the ill-effects of air pollution caused by vehicles on animals, birds and human beings, RTO (East) and RTO (West), in association with Sri Manjunatha Emission Test Centre, Prema Fuel Station, Go Green Emission Testing Centre and ABC Service Station yesterday launched the Air Pollution Control Awareness Week in city.

Speaking after flagging off the awareness vehicle in front of RTO (West), Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda said that controlling pollution is the responsibility of all and urged the vehicle owners to get their vehicles checked for smoke emission regularly as it would increase the engine life of vehicles and also reduce air pollution.

Continuing, the DCP lauded the Transport Department for the steps taken to create awareness on air pollution through this week-long awareness programme and said that such events should be conducted regularly.

The awareness vehicle with information on pollution control will move on various prominent roads, circles and other places. RTO (West) Yomakeshavappa, RTO (East) Deepak, Joint Commissioner of Transport (JCT) Mysore Division Dr. C.T. Murthy, Motor Vehicle Inspector G.M. Suresh and others were present.

Webinar on 'Importance of indoor air quality during COVID-19 lockdown'

Mysuru, Nov. 27- The Department of Chemistry, GSSSIETW, Mysuru, had organised an online programme on 'Importance of Indoor Air Quality during COVID-19 Lockdown' on Nov. 21 through Google Meet platform.

Dr. Shilpa

Dr. B.S. Shilpa, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysuru, was the guest speaker.

In her speech, she explained that COVID-19 pandemic brought the world to its knees and forced a majority of the global population to remain indoors to practice the concept of social distancing. Many countries took lockdown policy to restrict human activities and industry to slow down the virus spread. The implementation of strict lockdown resulted in less traffic and industrial emissions, thus reduction of various ambient air pollutants were observed in urban areas.

Considering the people stayed longer time in indoor, the Indoor Air Pollution (IAP) plays more important role for human health during lockdown. People suffered from high possibility of IAP exposure risk increase during lockdown as they almost stayed at home for the whole day.

Indoor air quality has been neglected for a long period. But, with the ongoing pandemic, and the pollution concerns, we can no longer afford to ignore the unfiltered and pollutant-filled air which can pose a risk to our health. Even after the pandemic has passed, it is key to focus on clean air solutions in all indoor spaces like office, home, commercial spaces such as malls and movie theatres.

Followed by this, she explained about the current building regulations and standards that are less concerned about internal air quality. It can be improved through policy change across the public health, urban planning and building design sectors. COVID-19 has highlighted the need to prioritise design strategies which will improve internal air quality and it can lead to develop strong immune system to fight against the future air-borne outbreak.

During this time, use of various disinfectants has increased drastically in indoor spaces such as homes, Government and private offices to curb the spread of COVID which has already proven its devastating disposition and with increasing evidence of the virus' air-borne nature, there is a need for air purification. New-age, cutting edge mechanisms to purify the air, will certainly witness a major improvement in the indoor air quality and overall health of people.

The session was followed by question and answer in which most of the doubts raised by the participants were clarified by the speaker. More than 50 persons, including staff and students of the institute and external participants, benefited through this webinar.

The event was co-ordinated by Dr. S. Bellappa, Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry and his team of faculty members.

Heritage Walk

Mysuru, Nov. 27- On the occasion of World Heritage Week, the Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums had organised 'Heritage Walk' in city on Tuesday. Rangayana and CAVA students as well as Department staff members participated in the event.

Archaeology Department Commissioner B.R. Poornima and Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa flagged off the Walk. The historical importance of the heritage buildings was narrated by heritage experts Prof. N.S. Rangaraju and others. Prof. Vijaya Rao of CAVA, Archaeology Department Assistant Director Dr. C.N. Manjula and others were also present.

New Vice-Chairman

for Higher Education Council

Bengaluru, Nov. 27- **Prof. B. Thimme Gowda** has been appointed as Vice-Chairman of Karnataka State Council Higher Education following an order by the State Higher Education Department recently.

Prof. Thimme Gowda is the former Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University and the Karnataka Panchayat Raj and Rural Development University.

NEWS BRIEFS

MCC meeting: COVID test must

The monthly General Council meeting of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will take place at 3 pm on Nov. 30 at MCC's Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar auditorium. In this backdrop, the MCC will be conducting COVID-19 tests to all participants, including MCC officials, Corporators, staff and media reps, from 8 am to 12 noon tomorrow. Only those who test negative for COVID-19 will be allowed to take part in the meeting, according to a press release issued by the Council Secretary.

Power disruption tomorrow

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following villages. Suttur Power Distribution Centre: Nagarle, Biligere, Mallupura, Suttur villages and Gram Panchayat limits. Devanur (Nanjangud) Power Distribution Centre: Tagadur, Badanavalu, Chunchanahalli, Gattawadipura, Karya, Alaganchi, Hedatale, Konanur, Nerale, Hemmaragala, Kavalande villages and Gram Pachayat limits, according to a press release from CESC.

'Spandana' event postponed

'Spandana' programme to address public grievances by Deputy Commissioner, which had been scheduled at TAPCMS Auditorium, KR Nagar today (Nov. 27) at 3 pm, has been postponed to Dec. 2 at 10.30 am. The event has been postponed as Mysuru DC Rohini Sindhuri will have to attend a review meeting with the Chief Electoral Officer-Karnataka Sanjiv Kumar today afternoon, according to a press release from Additional DC B. S. Manjunathswamy.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	121.59 ft
Yesterday	122.78 ft
Inflow	2,931 cusecs
Outflow	5,614 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Yesterday	2,274.42 ft
Inflow	437 cusecs
Outflow	2,550 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Yesterday	2,841.51 ft
Inflow	93 cusecs
Outflow	975 cusecs

Make MM Hills plastic-free: CM

An illuminated Male Mahadeshwara Temple atop MM Hills in connection with the visit of Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa on Wednesday.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa launching a slew of development works atop MM Hills yesterday. Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol, Primary and Secondary Education and District Minister S. Suresh Kumar and others look on.

Chamarajanagar, Nov. 27 (SS&SSV)- The aim of the State Government and Male Mahadeshwara Hills (MM Hills) Development Authority was to develop MM Hills as a beautiful shrine since it is flocked by lakhs of people from across the country, said Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa.

Speaking after inaugurating a slew of developmental works and laying foundation stone for new workers atop the Hills here yesterday, he said new works had been taken to provide basic facilities to people. Steps had been taken to upgrade Primary Health Centre atop MM Hills as Community Health Centre. It was the responsibility of every individual to make this shrine free from plastic and garbage, he said.

The CM said a scheme to fill up Raghavapura and other tanks from Kammarahalli tank near Begur in Gundlupet taluk in the first phase of Gandhi Gram Lift Irrigation under multi-village Drinking Water Scheme.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar, who is also the Chamarajanagar District in-charge Minister, was committed to providing infrastructure to the shrine which is visited by lakhs of devotees every year. The MM Hills Development Authority spent Rs.50 lakh on distributing 5 kg rice to each ration card holders of Hills and neighbouring villages during COVID-19 pandemic, he noted.

Pension scheme

Muzrai Minister Kota Srinivasa Pujari said the State Government will soon implement group life insurance and pension scheme for poor *archakas* (priests) working in 34,000 Muzrai temples across the State. Besides, plans are afoot to resume mass marriage under the 'Sapthapadi' initiative. The Government was committed to overall development of the shrine, he said.

Hanur MLA R. Narendra thanked the State Government for laying the foundation for the construction of steps for the sake of devotees who prefer climbing the Hills and also the barricades for the people to stand in queue. He also released the calendar for the year 2021.

Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Mutt and Sri Shanthamallikarjuna Swamiji of Salur Mutt also spoke.

Those who were present at the function included Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol, MLAs N.Mahesh, C. Puttarangashetty and C.S. Niranjankumar, ZP President Ashwini, District Incharge Secretary B.B. Cauvery, Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.R. Ravi, MM Hills Development Authority Secretary Jayavibhavaswamy and ZP CEO Dr. Harshal Boyar Narayanarao.

Haadi houses to remain in dark due to Forest Dept's non-cooperation: CESC

Mysuru, Nov. 27 (RK&SSV)- All houses in the district will be electrified before January 2021, said K.M. Munigopal Raju, Superintending Engineer, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC).

However, he clarified that this deadline is not applicable to haadis (hamlets) in the district.

Giving details at KDP meeting held here recently, he said the CESC was unable to give the electricity connection to haadis situated on the fringes of forest as Forest Department was not giving No Objection Certificate (NOC) to draw power cable. Though it was their wish to electrify every house in the district it was not happening due to non-co-operation of Forest Department, he added.

Raju said the CESC has identified 9,136 houses of which 8,316 had been given power connection. Work was in progress to provide the electricity connection to rest of the 820 houses. By January next year, Mysuru District will be declared as 'total electrified' district sans haadis, he said.

Encourage Nanjangud Rasabaale

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, who was also present at the KDP meeting, asked officials of Agriculture and Horticulture Departments to promote farmers to grow Nanjangud Rasabaale which has got Geographical Indication (GI), due to its demand in market.

Since that variety of banana is also good for people, all help should be extended to farmers to grow it, he said.

Why should Seers involve in caste politics? Former Speaker Krishna questions

Krishna

Mysuru, Nov. 27 (YDS&SSV)- Taking a dig at Pontiffs, former Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly Krishna said every caste has Seers and they are seeking reservation. "I don't know why they need to do caste politics"?

Speaking at a function organised by Kuvempunagar Citizens' Forum to honour people from various walks of life yesterday, he said "the Pontiffs are asking to include their caste in the SC, ST and 2A category. This is the job of agitators, social workers and politicians. The Seers, who are supposed to teach morality and guide the society, are indulged in caste politics. While our neighbouring countries are progressing, we are still fighting in the name of caste," he bemoaned.

Krishna said the Government employees were working under suffocating atmosphere and they have reached such a stage that whatever done in Democracy is construed as a mistake. "If we try to say something to people, they will shoot back, has the CM not gone to jail? While politicians were scolded, Government officials and Police officers were branded corrupt. Already, Legislature and Executive have become defunct and even Media is also totally spoiled. I see no hope for the country to improve even if another movement akin to the historic JP Movement was launched," he noted.

He said today, they were afraid of corrupt and criticise honest people instead of supporting them. This bad habit is growing in society and this should go in the interest of everyone.

Prof. S. Shivarajappa, Director of Oriental Research Institute, University of Mysore, who delivered the felicitation address, said the Kings were honouring poets, scientists and teachers in recognition of their contribution to society. With this message, Kuvempunagar Citizens' Forum has felicitated talents from different spheres of life.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Sandesh Kumar who has bagged the Chief Minister Medal for exemplary services, said his responsibility has become more now after being honoured with the medal.

On the occasion, Srirangapatna Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy.SP) and winner of President's medal Arun Nagegowda, ACP (Traffic) Sandesh Kumar, Chamarajanagar Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Inspector C. Kiran Kumar, Command Area Development Authority (CADA) Chairman Shivalingaiah and Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar were felicitated. Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt (Mysuru Branch), MLA L. Nagendra, Corporator M.C. Ramesh and Reception Committee President Vikrant P. Devegowda were present.

Adichunchanagiri Mutt Mysuru Branch Seer Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji and MLA L. Nagendra felicitated Srirangapatna Dy.SP Arun Nagegowda, ACP (Traffic) Sandesh Kumar, Chamarajanagar ACB Inspector C. Kiran Kumar, CADA Chairman Shivalingaiah and Mysuru District Journalists Association President S.T. Ravikumar at a function organised by Kuvempunagar Citizens' Forum at Ganapathi and Kalabhyraweshwara Temple hall at Kuvempunagar yesterday as former Assembly Speaker Krishna and others look on.

GRAAM hands over solar lights to Udbur Govt. School

Mysuru, Nov. 27- Under Sugamya Shiksha Initiative of GRAAM (Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement), solar lights worth Rs. 2 lakh have been installed at the premises of the Government High School in Udbur and have been handed over to the teachers and School Development and Management Committee (SDMC) in the presence of MLA and former Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD).

In his inaugural speech, GTD said that GRAAM has transformed 13 schools across the taluk as model schools with the support of various institutions, officials and the community. The objectives fulfil if the teachers, the officers and the community take forward this effort to the greater heights, he added.

He appreciated GRAAM for bringing educational reforms in the Government schools and felicitated GRAAM's Executive Director Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, GRAAM's Executive Director Dr. Basavaraju Shreshta said, "we have spent more than one crore rupees grant on Udbur School to provide computer lab, painting school walls, to conduct spoken English classes, impart sports coaching, training on life skills and for the distribution of scholarships. Efforts of the teachers, support from the people's representatives and involvement of the community made this school as a model school in the State. Villagers should join their hands to take it further."

Udbur Government Primary School Inter-District Skating Competition winners were also felicitated on the occasion.

Zilla Panchayat Member Premakumari Mahadevaswamy, Taluk Panchayat Member Dasanayaka, BEO Mysuru Taluk (Rural) Krishna, SDMC President Narayanaswamy, GP Members, villagers, teachers and GRAAM faculties were present on the occasion.

Snake Shyam rescues five snakes in two days

Mysuru, Nov. 27 (YDS&KS)- City's well-known snake rescuer and wildlife conservationist Snake Shyam, has rescued five snakes in two days from houses at various localities in city.

On Tuesday night at about 9 pm, Snake Shyam rescued a Spectacled Cobra from the puja room of a house belonging to Tontadarya at Bogadi. On the same day at 11 pm, he has rescued a Trinket Snake, which was hiding behind the LPG cylinder at the house of one Gangadhar in Lakshmikanthanagar in Hebbal. At 12 midnight, Shyam rescued a Wolf Snake from a house at Hootagalli.

On Wednesday morning, a Russell's Viper snake was rescued from a ditch near RTO Office in Rajivnagar and at 11 pm, another Russell's Viper snake was rescued in front of the house of Chandru at Belawatha near Columbia Asia Hospital.

All the snakes have been released into their natural habitat.

With the weather turning colder day-by-day, snakes tend to come out in search of warm places and sometimes enter houses and hide in empty boxes, shoes, between empty coconut shells, pile of dry leaves and other such places.

Shyam has urged the residents to keep their premises clean and free from garbage and waste heaps. He has urged the residents to keep distance from the snake and call him on **Mob: 99805-57797,** if they spot a snake besides asking them to keep a watch on the snake from a distance till he arrives.

Time to say Vertical Growth

H.V. Rajeev, Chairman, MUDA

Bungalows on big plots, wide roads and spacious footpaths. These are the hallmarks of Mysuru city for very many years. In old extensions of city, one may find huge bungalows built with plenty of space on all the sides. There were hardly two to three houses on 1-km stretch of road particularly in areas like Lakshmipuram, Krishnamurthypuram and parts of Chamundipuram.

Now, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), formerly called City Improvement Trust Board (CITB), thinks it is right time to promote vertical growth with land becoming a scarce commodity in this growing city. The newly-appointed MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev has plans to go for vertical growth on its land within Ring Road. His aim is to distribute at least 10,000 sites during his tenure. Excerpts. —Ed

By Shyam Sundar Vattam

Star of Mysore: Owning a site or house has become a mirage for lots of genuine applicants. How will you help them to realise their dreams?

H.V. Rajeev: For the first time, we are going for a Joint Development Agreement between farmers and MUDA. Land owners will be taken into consideration before requesting them to part with their land. **Our plan is to secure land through consent and not through confrontation.** One of the main reasons why the previous Chairmen of MUDA failed has been not taking farmers on board as partners in development. Already, first round of talks have been held with farmers of Udbur and surrounding villages. This may fetch around 700-800 acres of land.

Lands are available in different parts and only at one place the MUDA may get around 300 acres. In rest of the places, the total area of land was around 50-60 acres. On each acre, around a dozen sites of various dimensions can be formed.

Star of Mysore: Recently, you talked about Satellite Township. Can you elaborate on it?

Rajeev: A satellite township will have a real meaning if it is formed on a minimum of 1,200 to 1,500 acres of land. The MUDA is scouting for such a land on four directions of the city to go for Satellite Township. Though we have planned for a Satellite Township near Udbur on H.D. Kote Road, land measuring over 1,000 acres was not available at one place as they are found in bits and pieces.

Besides, a few farmers are reluctant to part with their land since they knew nothing except agriculture and such farmers are not being forced to sell their land. We are explaining them the concept of Joint Development Agreement under which each farmer will get nine sites of different dimensions for parting with one acre of land.

Star of Mysore: Last time when MUDA distributed sites was during the regime of D. Dhruvakumar. Why site distribution has become a rare phenomenon for MUDA whose primary object is to form layouts and distribute sites to shelterless?

Rajeev: It is true that after Dhruvakumar distributed sites in R.T. Nagar in the year 2017, site distribution had not taken place since years. Reason for this has been delay in forwarding projects to the State Government and forceful acquisition of land from farmers. Many land owners moved Court questioning acquisition which further delayed projects. Ultimately, many housing projects were shelved as land cost went up. After seeing all these, we have decided to go for Joint Development Agreement instead of acquisition of farm land.

Star of Mysore: Is it true that over 80,000 applications are pending before the MUDA seeking allotment of site or house?

Rajeev: As per MUDA records, around 80,000 applications are pending. However, we do not know whether the applicants own site or house elsewhere in the State. Some of them have been waiting for over three decades. What we are planning to do is to insist those applicants to furnish the Aadhaar details or PAN card number to cross-check their claims of not owning a site or house. Once this is done, a majority of names will be filtered. Then, we will come to know the genuine site or house-seekers.

Star of Mysore: How many sites are you planning to distribute during your tenure and when?

Rajeev: I was appointed MUDA Chairman by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa because of my experience in Co-operative sector. My aim is to distribute at least 10,000 sites and 6,000 flats or apartments. I have plans to develop new layouts even on 50-acre single plot. The formation of layouts and distribution of sites will start within 18 months from the day of layout sanction by the State Government.

Star of Mysore: With land becoming a scarce commodity, do you think vertical growth is the option to meet the growing demand for houses in city?

Rajeev: Seeing the density in Mysuru, the only way to shorten the waiting list is to go for vertical growth. Gone are the days of horizontal growth as more and more people are now opting for high-rise apartments. In fact, this is a good trend as it will be possible for the MUDA to construct multi-storyed buildings with all modern facilities on its land within Ring Road. This will fetch more money for the Authority too. We are going to Bengaluru to interact with Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) authorities to know more about profitability in the construction of flats than allotment of sites. Later, we will take a call on the same after discussing the same in our meeting. The MUDA has around 25 to 30-acre plots at several locations. Best among them will be considered for the construction of high-rise buildings.

The MUDA plans to execute Group Housing Projects at eight sites across the city — Dattagalli, R.T. Nagar, Vijayanagar Second Stage, Basavanahalli, Lalithadrinagar, J.P. Nagar, Hootagalli and Kergalli — all coming within the Ring Road periphery.

Star of Mysore: Private land developers are offering sites at very reasonable price and have promised Cauvery water and UGD connection. Is MUDA committed to provide basic facilities to those layouts formed by private builders?

Rajeev: At the time of giving permission to form private layouts, the MUDA will collect various charges including money to provide drinking water. The money given by private developers is with us. We are committed to give drinking water whenever projects of bringing water from River Cauvery or Kabini are implemented. Till then it is their lookout to make arrangements for drinking water.

Star of Mysore: Why cannot MUDA follow the suit of private developers who offer EMI facility to its allottees?

Rajeev: The MUDA is governed by rules framed by the State Government and we cannot go against it. We will issue a clear title deed on allotment of site with which the citizens can take loan from banks and pay EMI. But, MUDA per se, cannot introduce this kind of schemes to woo people as we have a big list of site-seekers.

Star of Mysore: How safe are documents in MUDA with missing of several files pertaining to site return scandal. How deep is this scam?

Rajeev: Like other Departments, there are black sheep here too. I have asked MUDA Commissioner to refer site return scam to Anti-Corruption Bureau. **In order to safeguard our records, we are planning go for digitalisation of records from now onwards.** There is no question of sparing anyone. Punishment is sure for all wrong-doers.

Persons with Disabilities can opt for postal ballot

Mandya DC Dr. M.V. Venkatesh receiving State Chief Electoral Officer Sanjiv Kumar on his arrival with family members (picture right) at Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary this morning.

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With this, Persons with Disabilities (PwD) can vote without taking the risk of going to polling stations on the day of voting. Many a times, the poll staff would physically carry such persons and take them inside polling booths to enable them to cast their votes. "I appeal PwD to make use of the same," he added.

Sanjiv Kumar also asked the youths, who are completing 18 years as on Jan. 1, 2021 to enrol their names in the voter's list in the ongoing special Electoral Enrolment Drive started from Nov. 18 till Dec. 17, 2020. There are 30 Poll Observers of the rank of Secretary who will visit every district to take stock of the month-long special drive.

Missing of names

On complaints from citizens about the missing of names in voter list, the CEO said the purpose of holding the special drive was to enable people to check whether their names were in the list or not. In case of missing, they can give applications on-the-spot for the inclusion of their names. It is also the duty of the general public to bring to the notice of Election Commission (EC) about death of persons in order to delete such names from the voter list. This would help the EC to update the list of voters.

Ready to hold by-polls

He said they are ready to hold by-elections to two Assembly Constituencies — Maski and Basavakalyana — and Belagavi Lok Sabha Constituency and waiting for the ECI to announce the date for by-polls.

Meeting in Mandya

Upon his arrival in Srirangapatna, Mandya DC Dr. M.V. Venkatesh received him. The CEO also inspected a polling booth. Those who were present included Additional Deputy Commissioner Shailaja, Assistant Commissioner Shivalingamurthy, Tahsildar M.V. Roopa, Chief Conservator of Forests T. Heeralal and Deputy Conservator of Forests Dr.M.J. Alexander.

Earlier, Sanjiv Kumar and his family members went on a boat ride at Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary in Srirangapatna.

The CEO is scheduled to hold a special electoral review meeting with Mysuru DC later today.

Who can avail postal ballot?

Members of the armed forces like the Army, Navy and Air Force, members of the armed Police force of a State (serving outside the State), Government employees posted outside India and their spouses are entitled to vote only by post. Recently the Election Commission had allowed Corona positive patients to avail this facility.

Vidyaranya Rajyotsava Awardees

Dr. B.R. Pai

Vaidehi Iyengar

Srihari Dwarakanath

Dr. K. Ramanand

Raghunandan

M.N. Doreswamy

Dr. T.N. Shashikumar

Girish

Mysuru, Nov. 27- Eight personalities will be conferred Acharya Sri Vidyaranya Rajyotsava Award - 2020, instituted by city's Himalaya Foundation, Ramakrishnanagar, at a programme to be held at Rotary Auditorium, JLB Road here at 11 am tomorrow (Nov. 28).

The awardees are: Dr. B.R. Pai (Industry and social service), Vaidehi Iyengar (Religion), Srihari Dwarakanath Guruji (Yoga), Dr. K. Ramanand (Literature and research), Raghunandan (Commerce), M.N. Doreswamy (Industry), Dr. T.N. Shashikumar (Yoga) and Girish (Social service).

Founder of Arkadhama Yogi Srinivasa Arka will inaugurate. Social activist Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee will preside. Veteran litterateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) will pay floral tribute to the portrait of Sri Vidyaranya. Senior writer Prof. K. Bhyravamurthy, former President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Maddikere Gopal, Founder of Dasti Shikshana Samsthe Dr. D. Thimmaiah and thinker Gururaja Poshettihalli will be the chief guests,

MCC to hold Small Loan Mela for street vendors

Mysuru, Nov. 27 (MK&SD)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), under Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi Scheme), is organising 'Small Loan Mela' at MCC Zone-6 Office located on Sheshadri Iyer Road (opp. Vidyavardhaka College) tomorrow (Nov. 28) at 10.30 am and at Noble Function Hall located on Azeez Sait Road (Mahadevpura Road), Udayagiri here on Nov. 29.

Street vendors willing to participate in the Small Loan Mela should compulsorily carry their mobile number linked Aadhaar card and bank passbook, according to a release.

City photo-journalists take part in COVID-19 Photo Expo at Bengaluru

The three-day COVID-19 Photo Exhibition, organised by Karnataka State Photojournalist Association (KSPA), Bengaluru, began at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat in Bengaluru. The expo was inaugurated by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa this morning. Five photo-journalists from Mysuru — M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav, R. Madhusudhan, Anurag Basavaraj, Savitha and Nagesh Panathale — who are participating in the expo, have displayed various photos clicked during COVID-19 lockdown. The expo will conclude on Nov. 29. Picture shows CM Yediyurappa looking at the photos displayed on the occasion.

Decision on Lingayat-OBC status after Delhi visit, says CM

Bengaluru, Nov.27- The buzz around Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's possible declaration on OBC status for Veerashaiva-Lingayat community and also the formation of Vokkaliga Development Corporation, that was reportedly slated for this morning, proved to be a dampener, as Yediyurappa just ahead of today's meeting of the Council of Ministers, announced that he would travel to Delhi shortly before finalising the proposal for including Veerashaiva-Lingayats, the community to which he belongs, in the Centre's OBC (Other Backward Classes) list.

Yediyurappa, only last evening after returning to the State capital from a three-day tour of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts, had announced that a meeting of his Council of Ministers would take place at Vidhana Soudha on Friday morning, in a move that surprised even his close associates. Ahead of the announcement of the Cabinet meeting, Yediyurappa on Thursday evening, is said to have closeted with a couple of Lingayat Ministers, apparently to discuss the issue concerning OBC tag and reservation for the community.

However, this morning, some of the Ministers, who reportedly met the CM, advised him against making any announcement in a hurry on the issue of OBC tag and appealed Yediyurappa to hold back the announcement for now. Following this development, Yediyurappa decided not to make any announcements and merely told waiting presspersons that he would be travelling to Delhi.

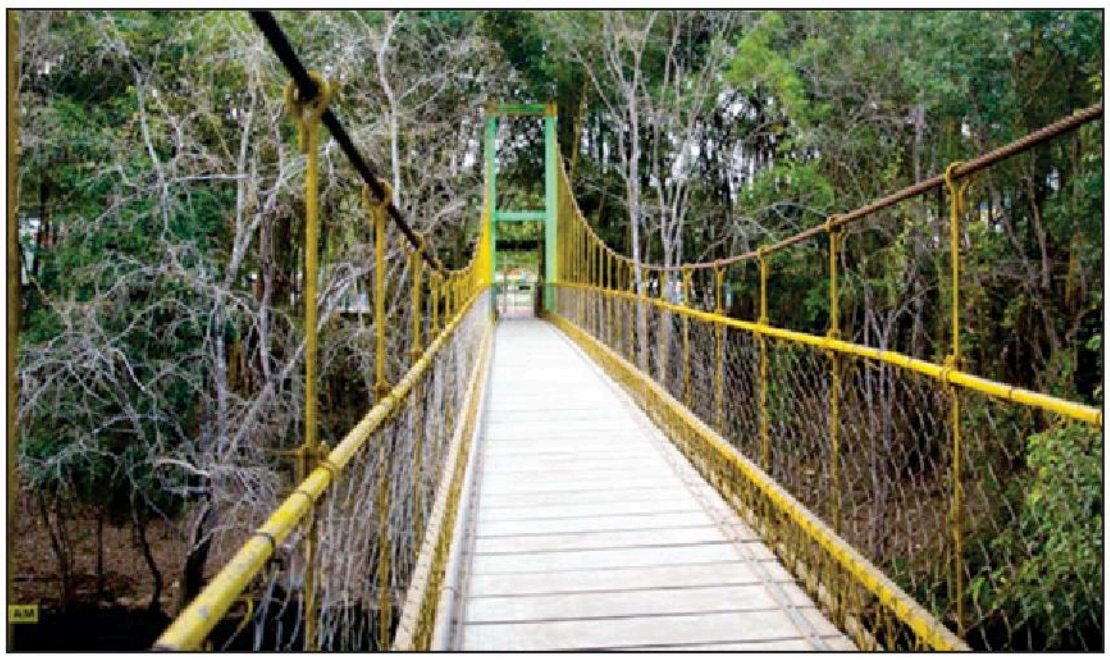
Briefing presspersons after the Cabinet meeting, Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that the Cabinet gave nod for the creation of Vijayanagar District with Hospet as its headquarters after carving it from Ballari district.

Pointing out that Vijayanagar District will be the 31st of the State, the Minister said that the new district will have 6 taluks— Hospet, Kudligi, Kottur, Harapanahalli, Hoovinahadagali and Hagaribommanahalli.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that nearly half of the Cabinet Ministers were absent for the meeting, as it was called in a hurry.

Hanging Bridges of Kodagu: Reality Check - 2

Second hanging bridge to come up at Kaveri Nisargadhama



Kushalnagar, Nov. 27 (Akshay&BCT)-The Kodagu Forest Department has sent a proposal to the District Administration to build another hanging bridge across River Cauvery at Kaveri Nisargadhama near Kushalnagar. The existing 90-metre hanging bridge has been declared unsafe.

The proposal has been submitted and is in the estimation stage and the district authorities have asked the Forest Department, instead of a hanging bridge why can't a concrete bridge — a permanent one — be built. Department sources told *Star of Mysore* that a concrete bridge is not feasible as the Nisargadhama is a water-intensive area and some of the islands get submerged during monsoon due to heavy rains.

Also, constructing a concrete bridge will be an expensive proposition and even in a conservative estimate, it would cost more than Rs. 20 crore. So the district administration has settled for a second hanging bridge that is low cost and easy to maintain for at least 10 years.

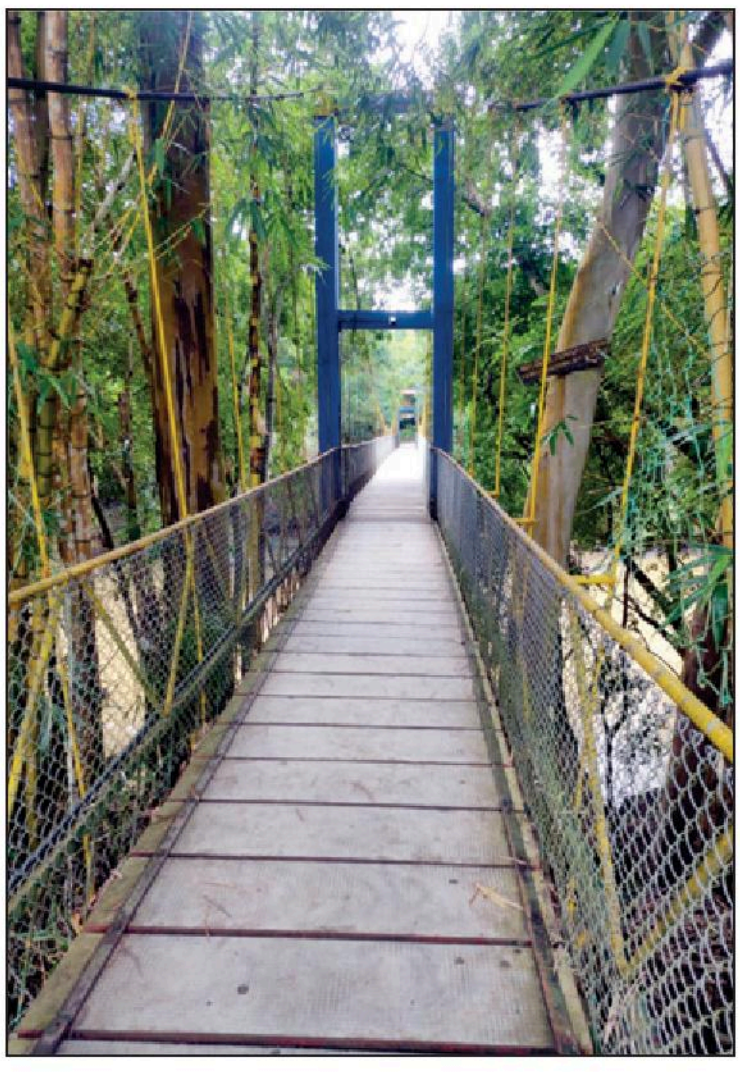
Nisargadhama has been formed on a natural island where River Cauvery flows. The area is located at Bollur village under Guddehosur Gram Panchayat. As it is an island, the Forest Department connected it with a hanging bridge. Earlier there was a wooden plank bridge supported by pillars. After the wood started wearing out, the Department constructed a hanging bridge next to the old one in 1995.

This hanging bridge was built by *Padmashree* Girish Bharadwaj, who is an industrious social entrepreneur, popularly known as 'Bridge Man'. He has built more than 100 hanging bridges or "Suspension Foot Bridges" across India. In 1975, he established his own "Rational Engineering Industries" at Sullia in Dakshina Kannada which is now called Ayasshilpa. His son Pathanjali Bharadwaj runs the show now.

Two years back, Pathanjali Bharadwaj had visited Kaveri Nisargadhama and had told the Forest Department that the hanging bridge was wearing out and unsafe for human movement. He even wrote a letter to the Department about the precarious situation that might lead to "sudden failure." He stressed on the need to construct another hanging bridge keeping tourist safety in mind.

The iron wires that hold the bridge have been covered in bamboo and due to heavy rains, water seeps from the bamboo to the wires rusting and weakening it. Following Bharadwaj's letter, the Nisargadhama officials limited the number of people who can cross the bridge since the last two years. If the tourist flow is heavy, only 10 people are allowed to cross over at a time with forest guards keeping a watch.

If the proposal of a new suspension bridge is accepted, the old hanging bridge will be decommissioned and tourists will be allowed to tread on the new one.



Yuva Sangeetha Sambhrama:

Online concert by Vidu. Ananya

Mysuru, Nov. 27- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, will be premiering the next online concert, a vocal presentation by Vidu. G.R. Ananya, under the series, "Yuva Sangeetha Sambhrama - 2020" on its *YouTube* channel at 5 pm on Saturday (Nov. 28).

Ananya is from a family of well-known musicians. Ananya was under the tutelage from an early age under her paternal aunts, Vid. G.S. Kamala and Vidu. G.S. Rajalakshmi, popular vocalists and fondly known as Mysuru sisters.

Her father, Vid. G.S. Ramanujan is a much sought after eminent mridanga and ghata artiste. Besides, she also learnt violin from Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy and Bharatanatyam from Vidu. Vasundhara Doreswamy. She has performed in some of the prestigious sabhas in Mysuru and Bengaluru.

Young and talented artistes, Vidu. C.V. Shruthi, Vid. Raghunandan R. Bhargava and Vid. T.N. Ajay will be accompanying Ananya on violin, mridanga and ghata, respectively.

Music enthusiasts are requested to watch the concert by visiting Sabha's *YouTube* channel at Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, according to a press release from Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy, Hon. Secretary of the Sabha.

Malabar opens 24th store at Kammanahalli

Bengaluru, Nov. 27- Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the largest gold and diamond retail chains in the country, inaugurated its 24th store in Karnataka at Kammanahalli here with a one-of-its-kind virtual store launch event.

Malabar Group Chairman M.P. Ahammed virtually opened the store along with O. Asher, Managing Director - Indian Operations, Shamlal Ahamed, Managing Director - International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds and Abdul Salam KP - Group Executive Director, Malabar Group. Other senior management officials were also present at the inauguration event along with a few select loyal customers of the brand.

Located at Prestige North Point, Kammanahalli, the exquisitely-designed 8th showroom in Bengaluru is a part of the global expansion plan of the jeweller. The store will offer a safe and hygienic retail environment to its customers by adopting all the necessary precautions and safety measures.

The store launch was preceded by a special preview sale which attracted encouraging response from the jewellery buyers. The Kammanahalli store will offer awe-inspiring designs in bridal jewellery, traditional jewellery, daily-wear jewellery in gold, diamond and platinum.

The brand has also sharpened its customer centric outreach with the inclusion of responsibly sourced gold in the set of commitments to customers that it calls *Malabar Promises*. These include benefits that are assured lifetime maintenance across all showrooms in India and across the world, Jewellery insurance, certified diamonds, 100% BIS hallmarked gold and price and quality transparency. It also offers maximum value while selling or exchanging old gold as well as advance booking facility by 10% of the value upfront to its customers.

Priority will be given to educate tribals, says Minister Sriramulu

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Mysuru, Nov. 27 (RKB&DM)- Social Welfare Minister B. Sriramulu said that priority will be given for the education of tribals and that the Government was committed for reaching all State and Central Government benefits to targeted tribal beneficiaries.

He was speaking after inaugurating a workshop on 'The Preparation of Primaries in the Languages of Koraga and Soliga Tribal Communities,' organised jointly by the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Scheduled Tribe Welfare Department and Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI) at Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, here on Thursday.

Maintaining that the State Government has set aside Rs.1,471 crore for overall development of tribal communities, he said that, however, more needs to be done for the economic, academic and social upliftment of tribals by improving basic infrastructure at tribal settlements. The Minister announced that a festival of tribal communities will be organised at Molakalmuru in Chitradurga district in the coming days.

Sriramulu also released research study reports published by KSRTI in the form of books on the occasion.

KSTRI Director Prof. T.T. Basavanagouda in his address said, "the KSTRI is preparing textual materials in tribal languages in order to make tribal children pursue education and make their studies easier. The population of some tribal communities is declining and the Institute wants to document their lifestyle. It also aims to frame programmes for the overall growth of tribal communities."

Pointing out that there are 121 Girijan Ashram Schools in the State, Prof. Basavanagouda said that a report on their current status has been submitted to the Government. Noting that there are over 50 spoken tribal languages, he said that documentation was the need of the hour for saving them from the brink of extinction.

MLA L. Nagendra who presided, said that it is important to save tribal practices and customs from the threat of modernity. Stressing on the need for economic, social and academic upliftment of tribal communities, he said that officials must ensure that Government benefits reach the targeted tribal groups.

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, ZP CEO Parimala Shyam, Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department Director Sangappa and others were present.

UoM Syndicate approves SPB Chair in Fine Arts College

Mysuru, Nov. 27 (SSV)- In a befitting tribute to legendary playback singer S.P. Balasubramanyam (SPB), the Syndicate of University of Mysore has given its nod to set up the Music Chair in the Varsity in the name of late singer.

S.P. Balasubramanyam

This was decided at the Syndicate meeting held here on Wednesday. The proposed Chair would be established in the University's Fine Arts College with an aim of overall development in the field of music.

Annually, Rs.5 lakh will be reserved for this Chair which is being set up following a proposal submitted by noted Kannada Music Director Hamsalekha. Based on his request, the Syndicate gave its permission to set up the Chair in the name of late SPB.

As part of activities, special lectures, workshops, demonstrations and publication of books will be done.

Set up Christian Development Corporation: Govt. urged

Mysuru, Nov. 27 (PM&SD)- Leaders from the Christian community have urged the State Government to set up Christian Development Corporation, which was announced in the previous budget.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakartara Bhavan on Tuesday, community leader William D'Souza expressed displeasure over State Government cancelling the setting up of Christian Development Corporation, which was announced in the previous budget by earmarking Rs. 200 crore grants for the same.

"There are 30 lakh Christians in the State. Setting up of a separate Christian Development Corporation would help thousands of poor people of the community. We would like to urge Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa to look into this matter immediately and set up Christian Development Corporation as promised earlier," he said.

Federation of Mysore Christian Associations Convenor S.M. Arokyadas, community leaders James Christopher, Samson George, Jason Andus and Donald were present at the press meet.

Webinar series on 'Amazing Abilities' at SVYM on Dec. 3

Mysuru, Nov. 27- As part of Generating Awareness about 'Amazing Ability' of specially abled and about creating a 'welcoming' environment for all in the community, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) is organising a monthly webinar series from Dec. 3.

Of the several issues that People With Disability (PWD) face, a few that are prominent include: Accessibility, the choice of leading a barrier-free life and inclusion. This webinar is an attempt to bring some of these 'celebrities' onto a platform where they can share their journey, their grit, determination and the fire that burns within them that has made them into role models for all of us.

The first of this unique webinar series is on Dec. 3, scheduled between 6 pm and 7.30 pm, featuring achiever Dr. Malathi Krishnamurthy Holla, who is an International para athlete from India.

Dr. Malathi Krishnamurthy Holla

Having won over 428 medals representing India in the Paralympics, Asian Games, World Masters and Commonwealth Games, Malathi Holla has been conferred the prestigious *Arjuna* and *Padma Shri* awards. She has also launched her first authorised biography, *A Different Spirit* on July 8, 2009.

The chief guest for the inaugural webinar is Dr. S.B. Muniraju, Deputy Adviser (SJE-VAC), NITI Aayog, New Delhi and the inaugural will be presided by Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Founder & President, SVYM.

Interested may register by logging on to: *https://forms.gle/rLsgNvHTwGYX7Sxo8*

For details, contact Gunasagar on Mob 9777120130 or e-mail: *ccst-pwds@svym.org.in*

Obituary

Biddanda Gangamma

Mysuru, Nov. 27- Biddanda Gangamma (91), daughter of late B.A. Thimmaiah, passed away at her nephew Chembanda Somanna's residence at Vijayanagar here this morning.

A spinster, she leaves behind a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon, according to family sources.

IGP plays Good Samaritan

Shifts critically injured man to hospital

Mysuru, Nov. 27 (MK&KS)-Inspector General of Police (Southern Range) Vipul Kumar yesterday turned into a Good Samaritan by shifting a critically injured man to a hospital in his vehicle.

The injured man identified as Rangaswamy, a teacher at Ayarahalli village in the taluk was proceeding on the Ring Road near Siddarthanagar when he lost control of the bike and fell down near the Big Banyan Tree, resulting in him suffering serious head injuries and bleeding profusely.

Meanwhile, IGP Vipul Kumar, who was returning from Male Mahadeshwara Hill on the same road, saw a large crowd gathered on the road and asked his driver to stop the vehicle. The IGP, who got down from the vehicle, went near the crowd and saw a man critically injured and battling for life. He immediately asked his driver and the public to lift Rangaswamy and place him in his car. He then shifted the injured and admitted him to a hospital, thus displaying his humanitarian concern.

Rangaswamy is now undergoing treatment at a private hospital. The timely help by the IGP has been appreciated and lauded by the public on social media.

WORD OF THE DAY

Snivel

Pronunciation: SNIV-ul.
Meaning: To run at the nose; to snuff mucus up the nose audibly : snuffle; to cry or whine with snuffling; to speak or act in a whining, sniffling, tearful, or weakly emotional manner.
Origin: There's never been anything pretty about sniveling. Snivel, which originally meant simply "to have a runny nose," was probably snyflan in Old English. It's likely related to sniffle, not surprisingly, and also to an Old English word for mucus, snofl. It's even related to the Middle Dutch word for a cold, snof, and the Old Norse word for "snout," which is snoppa. There's also a connection to nan, a Greek verb meaning "flow." Nowadays, we mostly use snivel as we have since the 1600s: to refer to self-pitying whining, whether or not such sniveling is accompanied by unchecked nasal flow.
Example: "Leonard ... really wanted to meet the Microsoft co-founder.... It didn't go so great, as Leonard lost his cool and sniveled all over Gates' tie." — Kurt Schlosser, GeekWire, 29 Mar. 2018.

THE ODD WORD

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Mud volcano.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Shot in the dark

Meaning: Taking a guess at something even though the person lacks knowledge on the subject.
Origin: The basic idea with this expression is that it's hard to accurately shoot something in the dark. Imagine someone was standing in a large, pitch black room with a target located somewhere within. If their goal was to throw a ball at the target, their chances of successfully hitting it is very low. They would basically have to guess where to throw! Thus, if someone is taking a guess or they are doing something that has a low chance of success, it's like they're taking a shot in the dark. Anyway, this phrase's origin dates back to at least the 1880s. For example, it appears in the South Australian Register newspaper, 1883: "No doubt every estimate made at the time was a shot in the dark, but it would appear from the result of the first tendering that Mr. Morgan's guess of $(?)250,000 was rather under than over the mark."

QUOTE BOX

I've always believed no matter how many shots I miss, I'm going to make the next one. **—Isaiah Thomas**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Swarm of bees.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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4	7	6	5	9	3	8	2	1
9	5	1	8	6	2	7	3	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Oriental nanny - "a ham" changed?
5 Large monkey
8 Cupbearer to the Olympians
12 Lima is its capital city
13 Merry and bright
14 Bhajan maestro __ Jalota
15 First showing of play or film
17 "Need" anagram for a small valley
18 Evil or sinful
19 Mr Harrison of The Beatles
21 Book of photographs
24 Throw or hurl
25 Tennis great Bjorn ___
26 To listen to
27 Subside or abate
30 Freudian term
31 Desist
32 Cross shape letter of Greek alphabet
33 Pull along behind
34 Go by
35 Greasy
36 Noted film maker Mahesh ___
38 ___ up : cheers up or hurries?
39 Discomfiture
41 Nevertheless
42 Horse colour
43 Diminishes gradually
48 ___ ___ speak : familiarly meaning that...? (2,2)
49 Lease or rent
50 Analogy words (2,2)
51 American National Standards Inst.
52 Up to now
53 Food plan

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	T	N		L	A	S				T	A	M
M	H	O		A	L	T	I		J	I	M	I
C	E	T	A	C	E	A	N		A	M	A	N
			V	E	R	Y	F	E	W			
	B	O	A	S	T	E	R	S		A	B	E
U	R	D	U			D	A	P	P	L	E	D
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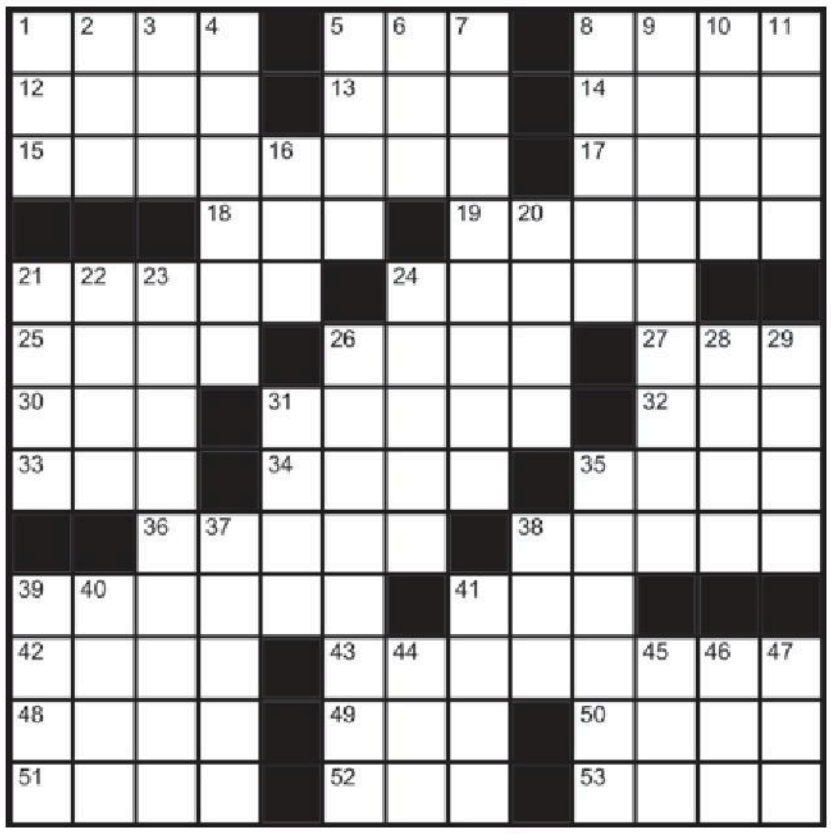
N	A	U	T	I	C	S		N	A	P	A	
A	D	R		T	A	T	T	L	E	R	S	
			E	S	T	O	R	I	L			
S	P	A	N		T	R	I	E	S	O	U	T
O	R	S	O		Y	E	T	I		R	N	A
N	Y	E				Y	E	N		B	I	D

DOWN

1 Third party program for a smartphone
2 "Sea", in French
3 "Is" in the plural?
4 "Gum hub" anagram for lots of nonsense?
5 Grew old or matured
6 Average or normal
7 Monocle
8 Wore or was wearing (3,2)
9 Active
10 Stopper in barrel
11 A French duelling sword
16 I think therefore _ __? (1,2)
20 Ireland, once
21 Help a felon
22 Trademark symbol
23 Intimidates with stern looks and words
24 Lavish repast
26 Angrily, being warm?
28 Rebel, stop shy or hinder
29 Purchases
31 Cert. Public. Accts.
35 Surpassed; got the better of
37 City in Vietnam
38 Small round sweet bread
39 Major or minor in the sky?
40 1200 hours?
41 Ship post
44 Very small
45 Large Scale Integration, abbr.
46 Estimated Time En route
47 Tippler or drunkard



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

JHE IXT'Z ZEOT WXIN ZBA IUHIN WEZ JHE

IXT CSTL SZ EK XFXST.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS C

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Character is what you have left when you've lost everything you can lose.

How fans can mark their "Virtual" attendance during Hero ISL 2020-21 games

Vasco, Nov. 27- The 2020-21 Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) is underway behind closed doors in Goa and there have already been quite a few gripping encounters to gorge on.

There are plenty of fans following these matches on TV on the Star Sports Network and then there are streaming services like Disney+ Hotstar and Jio TV, which are coming to fans' aid in these tough times.

With fans unable to be in the stadiums supporting their favourite team, this is the opportunity for them to mark their attendance on matchdays. It's called "Virtual Attendance" and is already a big hit with the fans. More than 60,000 fans marked their "Virtual Attendance" on Matchday 1 that saw debutants ATK Mohun Bagan beat Kerala Blasters FC by a solitary goal.

To make their presence felt more than ever before, all fans need to do is follow the league's official account on Instagram and 'like' the match-up post which goes up eight hours prior to kick-off and is valid till full-time. By liking this post, they can mark their "Virtual Attendance". So, don't forget to mark your "Virtual Attendance" every day and show your love for your favourite Hero ISL team.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 27)

- **Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), GoI, Ministry of Textiles, GoI, the Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom & Textile & Commerce, GoK and JSS Mahavidyapeetha:** 'Samskruti-2020,' a Special Handloom Expo, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal, **up to 9 pm.** [City Bus No. 117]
- **Rotary Mysore North and Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy Trust, Mysuru:** Conferring of 'Rotary Muktaka Sahitya Award' on Muktaka writer P.S. Siddachar, former Governor of Rotary District 3181 and well-known doctor of Chamarajanagar Rtn. Dr. R.S. Nagarjuna chief guest, Rotary Mysore North President Rtn. M.J. Swamy presides, Trust President Rtn. S. Ramaprasad will be present, Rotary Mysore West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 28)

- **Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India (GoI), Ministry of Textiles, GoI, the Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom & Textile & Commerce, Government of Karnataka (GoK) and JSS Mahavidyapeetha:** 'Samskruti-2020,' a Special Handloom Expo, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal, **10 am to 9 pm.** [City Bus No. 117 from KSRTC Bus Stand]
- **Hastashilpi:** 'Silk India-2020' expo, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**

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Gadiyara (K)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 7.30 pm
Arishadvarga (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Kavalthurai Ungal Nanban (Ta)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
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	(S-2)	5.30 pm
Arishadvarga (K)	(S-1)	5.50 pm
Kavalthurai Ungal Nanban (Ta)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Daari Tappida Maga (K)	(S-2)	8.55 pm
Gadiyara (K)	(S-2)	2.40 pm
Trolls World Tour (E)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
*Mukhavaada Illadavanu 84*** (K)*	(S-2)	11.20 am

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Substitute Idrissa Sylla rescues a late point for North-East against Kerala

Kerala Blasters Captain Sergio Cidoncha moves ahead of North-East Skipper Benjamin Lambot during yesterday's match.

Bambolim, Nov. 27- Kerala Blasters FC picked up their first points in Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 after a 2-2 draw with NorthEast United FC at the GMC Stadium in Bambolim on Thursday.

Sergio Cidoncha headed in Kerala's opener early on and Gary Hooper scored their second goal. Kwesi Appiah then netted for North-East six minutes into the second period before missing a penalty, while substitute Idrissa Sylla came off the bench to score the equaliser for the Highlanders in the 90th minute.

The Highlanders began the second period positively and reduced the deficit six minutes into the half. Appiah, who scored the winner in North-East's opening game of the season, was in the right place at the right time to bundle in a corner.

North-East continued to toil in search of an equaliser, however, Kerala made it difficult for the Highlanders to create any proper chances. The Blasters' resistance, though, was finally broken in the final minute of normal time.

The goal came through Sylla, who made up for his earlier miss in style. After controlling a long ball with his chest to set it up nicely for a first-time finish, the Guinean striker unleashed a powerful shot with his left foot to make it all square on the night and secure a hard-earned point for his team.

Hero Indian Super League

Today's Match (Nov. 27)

EAST BENGAL
VS
ATK MOHUN BAGAN
Tilak Maidan,
Vasco, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Nov. 28)

BENGALURU FC
Vs
HYDERABAD
Fatorda Stadium,
Margao, Goa, **5.00 pm**

Yesterday's Result

KERALA BLASTERS FC- 2
Drew with
NORTH-EAST UNITED -2

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Awards - Hero of the Match: Dylan Fox; **DHL Winning Pass of the Match –** Seityasen Singh (Kerala Blasters FC).

Coronavirus awareness cycle jatha

Mysuru, Nov. 27 (RKB&KS) - In order to create awareness on preventing contracting Coronavirus and spreading it, the NSS Units of Mysore University and Sheshadripuram PU College, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Rotary Mysore and Rotary Midtown had organised a cycle rally in city on Wednesday.

Speaking after flagging off the cycle rally, MCC Health Officer Dr. M.S. Jayanth called upon the public not to neglect the precautionary measures to be taken to prevent contracting COVID-19 thinking that COVID cases were declining and advised the public to wear face masks, use sanitiser, maintain social distancing and wash hands frequently with soap.

Pointing out that the District Administration, MCC and the Health Department had taken various measures to prevent the spread of the deadly virus, he said that RT-PCR tests had been increased and the Departments were still working continuously to keep the virus at bay.

He urged the public to join hands with the District Administration and co-operate to keep COVID-19 under control.

NSS State Officer Gananath Shetty, Mysore University PMEB Director Prof. Lokanath, NSS Officer Poornima Jogi, Mysore University Estate Officer S.C. Jayaram, Rotary Mysore President Manjeshkumar, Rotary Midtown President A.N. Aiyanna, NSS Programme Officer R. Raghavendra and others were present.

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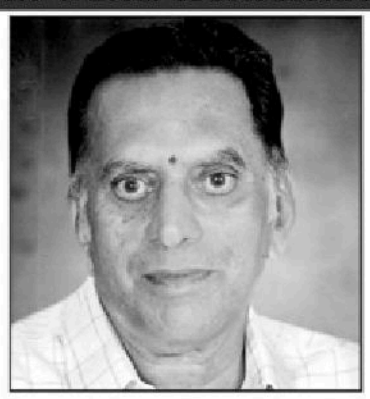

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